

New procedures have been developed regarding the Good Faith Effort for DBE goals.

The procedures can be found at the following link: [GOOD FAITH EFFORT PROCEDURE](#)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

There will be another project added to the May 23, 2013 Bid Letting with a shortened advertisement period.

The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised May 2, 2013.

RETAINING WALL - E OF WARD CREEK
IM 90-1(198)22
CONTRACT ID 14513

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Excavation, removal and replacement of damaged retaining bin wall sections, reconstruction of roadway, guardrail and crossovers on the Retaining Wall - E of Ward Creek in Mineral County.

The project is located on eastbound I-90 at RP 27.5 and the detour begins at RP 22.3 and extends to RP 28.2 on I-90.

The Montana Department of Transportation is soliciting construction and design services for the JUDITH RIVER TRESTLE - CALL 302 Design-Build project. [JUDITH RIVER TRESTLE RFQ & ATTACHMENTS](#)

~~~~~TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS~~~~~

RFQ Advertisement	April 11, 2013
SOQ Response Due	May 3, 2013 by 11:00 am
Short List	May 17, 2013
RFP Issue	May 20, 2013
Technical Proposal Due	July 1, 2013 by 11:00 am
Online Q&A Forum Closes	July 19, 2013 by 10:00 am
Bid Price Proposal Due	July 24, 2013 by 11:00 am
Final Selection	July 24, 2013
Anticipated Award	July 25, 2013
Anticipated Notice to Proceed	August 8, 2013

Clarification:

Submitted: Fri, 12-Apr-2013 11:30 MDT

Please note the RFQ has been updated and two additional attachments can be found at the following link:

[JUDITH RIVER TRESTLE RFQ & ATTACHMENTS](#)

Bid Letting: APRIL 25, 2013

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201 - BIG MUDDY CREEK - EAST

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, April 18, 2013 13:28 MDT

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102.18 and 103.07(D). The requirement of Subsection 108.01.2 that subcontractors obtain a Special Fuel User

Permit is also rescinded. All other requirements of that Subsection still apply.

Related to Subsection 102.18, the Expedite™ Bid File contains a folder where prime contractors were required

to list their Special Fuel User Permit Number. This folder does not need to be completed by prime contractors

for this contract. Leaving this folder blank will NOT be considered as a factor in determining bid responsiveness for this contract.

Clarification:

Submitted: Tue, 23-Apr-2013 8:24 MDT

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Clarification:

Submitted: Tue, 23-Apr-2013 14:24 MDT

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To download the addendum bid file, click here: [BID FILES](#)

The Schedule of Items incorrectly included Fence-Panel Single CW and Fence-Panel Double CW bid items (normally only used for Interstate Combination Woven Wire/Barbed Wire applications). The CW Panel items have been deleted and replaced with Farm Fence-Panel/Single-FW and Farm Fence-Panel/Double-FW.

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Submitted: Tue, 02-Apr-2013 15:31 MDT

Company: Riverside Copntracting, Inc.

Contact: Russ

Question:

1) Please post design files (Geopak) for the project.

2) Please post any additional geotechnical information available for the project.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 03-Apr-2013 10:45 MST

1) The design files for the requested project are posted on the MDT FTP site for your use at:

[MUDDY CREEK EAST GEOPAK](#)

The requested files do not represent the staked project, but are only design files. The Department cannot guarantee the accuracy of the electronic data, particularly as it may be called up by your computer, nor does any data in these files supersede the data in the contract documents.

In addition, the Department will not make any revisions to the electronic files pertaining to the staked project, change ordered work, or changes that are made during construction to fit field conditions.

2) Attached are PDF Files of the available project alignment and/or structures geotechnical report(s), geotechnical report supplements, and geotechnical laboratory summaries. There is remaining geotechnical information that is voluminous and very difficult to compile in a concise manner.

Contractors are welcome to come to MDT Headquarters to inspect soil and/or rock samples taken for the project that are stored here or to look through the complete set of Geotechnical field investigation notes, laboratory testing, analytical, or other data in our project files.

It should be noted that the project may have undergone significant changes during the design process after the original geotechnical report and supplements were issued. Thus, some of the information contained in these documents may be out of date or not applicable with regard to the advertised project. Some of the changes include, but are not limited to: Project splits (for funding, ROW issues, etc.); alignment and grade changes; and changes due to environmental factors (sensitive areas, etc.). The documents can be found at: [MUDDY CREEK EAST GEOTECH](#)

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Submitted: Mon, 15-Apr-2013 14:35 MDT
Company: Yellowstone Environmental Contracting
Contact: Zac Mader
Question:

What are the specs for the TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT?

~~Answer:~~

~~Submitted: Mon, 15-Apr-2013 16:10 MDT~~

~~Please refer to specification 713.12.8.~~

Answer:

Revised: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 13:17 MDT

See answer to question -3- below.

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Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 10:38 MDT
Company: Yellowstone Environmental Contracting
Contact: Zac Mader
Question:

The current specifications for turf mat are from 2006, would MDT consider updating the specs for the turf mat?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 13:12 MDT

The attached Turf Reinforcement Mat Special Provision is hereby added to this contract.

[**TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT SPECIAL PROVISION**](#)

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Submitted: Tue, 23-Apr-2013 17:01 MDT
Company: Iowa Trenchless
Contact: Jason Klein
Question:

Is the drainage casing required to have a coating? Per Specification 612.02.1.C it should have a two component self priming epoxy, but the special provisions 28. doesn't mention anything about a coating and doesn't reference the supplemental spec 612.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 24-Apr-2013 16:09 MDT
Coating is in reference to 709.05 and is not required on Steel Casing Pipe.

202 - BENCH BOULEVARD - BILLINGS

Clarification:

Submitted: Wed, 03-Apr-2013 9:15 MDT

The following Special Provision is here by added to the contract.

DEPARTMENT FURNISHED VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

A. Description. If available the Department will provide up to 4 portable variable message signs (VMS) for use on this project.

B. Construction Requirements. The Department will deliver and set up the VMS at locations designated by the Department. Provide the Project Manager 10 working days' notice before work begins to allow the VMS to be deployed.

The Department will maintain the VMS. Notify the Project Manager immediately of any damage to or malfunction of a VMS. Notify the Project Manager at least 72 hours prior to operational changes that affect the displayed message or location of a VMS.

C. Basis of Payment. Work described in this provision is not measured for payment.

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, 11-Apr-2013 11:40 MDT

A change to the Right of Way agreement has resulted in changing the 14' approach at Sta. 26+06 LT to a 12' approach at Sta. 26+01 LT. The change resulted in increasing quantities for items: Commercial Mix - PG 70-28, RCP Irr 12 in Class 4, Sidewalk-Concrete 4 in and Sidewalk-Concrete 6 in. Plan and cross section sheets with the corrections are provided through the following links and supersede the advertised plan/cross section sheets:

CORRECTED PLAN SHEETS

CORRECTED CROSS SECTIONS

An addendum will be issued to correct the quantities for the four items listed above.

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, April 18, 2013 13:28 MDT

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Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 15:10 MDT

An Addendum has been posted for this project. Click on the following link to access the information: [ADDENDUM](#)

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Clarification:

Submitted: Tue, 22-Apr-2013 8:27 MDT

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Clarification:

Submitted: Wed, 24-Apr-2013 16:11 MDT

Please replace Special Provision #18.Part C.1) with the following:

Traffic advisories in the form of 60-second spots to air a minimum of 4 times/day on at least 3 Billings commercial FM radio stations and as a constant loop on the Department's portable radio station. Contact the Helena Communications Bureau at (406)444-6392 for availability of the portable radio station. Advisories

must include a schedule and description of construction activities, traffic interruptions and a Contractor provided contact number for residents to call for additional information. If advisories result in remaining air time, provide residents a glimpse of the big picture of the project and the benefits that will result. Update the advisories after every weekly progress meeting, or more often if conditions change substantially. Provide the Project Manager a copy of the updated advisory at the same time it is distributed to the radio stations. The advisory will run for one week prior to construction and every Monday during construction thereafter. Please replace the sentence beginning with "The Department may withhold..." in SP#18.E. Basis of Payment, with the following:

The Department will apply a permanent ten percent (10%) deduct to the Public Relations bid item and may withhold ten percent (10%) of each monthly progress estimate for failure to meet the Public Relations requirements.

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Submitted: Tue, 02-Apr-2013 08:18 MDT

Company: Knife River

Contact: David Resch

Question:

- 1) Can you post the geopac files for Bench Blvd?
- 2) Can you explain how miscellaneous items 8003001010, 800320000, and 800320005 will be used?

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 02-Apr-2013 11:02 MST

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2)

Item 800 300 010 is for work associated with "Storm Drain Service" noted/shown in the Storm Drain Summary frame - Sheet # 14.

Item 800 320 000 is for work associated with "Concrete Mow Strip" noted/shown in the Fencing Summary frame - Sheet # 16.

Item 800 320 005 is for work associated with re-seeding areas and is found in the Topsoil & Seeding Summary

frame as well as Special Provision No. 17, RE-SEEDING.

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Submitted: Tue, 16-Apr-2013 09:14 MDT
Company: Quality Landscape Seeding, Inc.
Contact: Lisa M. Read, President

Question:

Regarding the seeding special provisions, why is the fertilizer required to be incorporated into the top 2"? Typically, with hydroseeding, the fertilizer is included in the seed and mulch slurry mixture. Also, are you expecting the entire hydro-seeded area to be hand raked per bid item 610-100-555, conditioning? Regarding the re-seeding per special provision no. 17, is conditioning or mulch required? The way the special provision currently reads is for seed and fertilizer (presumably hand broadcast?). Please clarify the expectation for the re-seeding sequence.

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 19-Apr-2013 10:00 MST

The Seeding Special Provision correctly states that the fertilizer is to be broadcasted in dry form and uniformly incorporated into the upper 2 inches of soil prior to seeding. The purpose of incorporating the fertilizer in the top 2 inches of soil is to help minimize fertilizer burn. All the seeding areas must be conditioned by leveling and raking immediately prior to seeding.

In accordance with Special Provision 17, re-seeding work includes all work necessary to re-seed, including: conditioning, fertilizing and seed. Mulch is not required for the re-seeding areas. Drill seeding and broadcast seeding are both acceptable methods for the re-seeding work.

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Submitted: Tue, 16-Apr-2013 17:22 MDT
Company: Knife River
Contact: Todd McKeever

Question:

1) Please clarify if item 402 020 305 is to be gallons or tons.

2) Could the seven trees to be removed in the item 202 020 025 be marked in the field for clarification?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 15:43 MDT

1) Emulsified Asphalt SS-1 is measured by the ton. As part of the addendum that was issued today, Item No. 402 020 305 has been deleted, and Item No. 402 020 200, EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SS-1 measured by the TON has been added (139.40 TONS).

2) The trees identified for removal in the TREES Summary Frame on Sheet 17 of the plans will be flagged with ribbon by MDT field personnel prior to bid opening.

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Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 09:20 MDT
Company: Cretex Concrete Products
Contact: Brian Anderson

Question:

The ReCon gravity retaining wall system was used for the retaining walls along Bench Blvd by the Metra.
Can a ReCon gravity retaining wall be substituted for the MSE wall located from Sta 19+59.27 to 22+17.39?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 11:40 MDT
Alternatives to the MSE wall submitted as Value Engineering Proposals, in accordance with Specification 104.08, will be considered.

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Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 12:20 MDT
Company: Plain Feather Constructon LLC
Contact: Duffy Duffield

Question:

Is there an approved equal to the RCP pipe?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 18-Apr-2013 14:15 MDT
RCP irrigation class (RCP-IRR) is required as shown in the plans.

203 - EKALAKA TO ALZADA

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu, April 18, 2013 13:29 MDT
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Submitted: Wed, 03-Apr-2013 15:19 MDT

Company: Hills Products Group

Contact: Caleb Moore

Question:

Item No. 607100098 Farm fence description is Type "F2W F2M", does this mean alternating Wood and Steel Posts?

Or was this a typo and it is supposed to be one or the other?

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 9-Apr-2013 11:45 MST

The Fencing Notes per R/W agreement for Item 607 100 098, FARM FENCE-TYPE F2W F2M-32 IN WW state the

following:

1) Fencing posts shall be metal with every 4th post wood.

2) Place woven wire 6 inches above the ground. Place barbed wire 2 inches above woven wire. Place top barb wire 10 inches above bottom barbed wire, for an overall height of 50 inches.

3) All gate openings are to measure the specified width from inside of post to inside of post so that owners may install metal gates at their own expense at a later date without having to reset posts."

In addition, the Fencing Summary on Sheet 9 of the plans has been revised. An addendum will be issued to revise quantities on the bid schedule. Sheet 9 of the plans is hereby replaced.

REVISED PLAN SHEET 9

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Submitted: Fri, 12-Apr-2013 11:24 MDT
Company: Highway Technologies
Contact: Dave Capovani

Question:

Will a positive barrier be required for the "Detour construct, maintain & remove" item at RP 24.71?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 15-Apr-2013 9:56 MDT

No.

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Submitted: Tue, 16-Apr-2013 09:58 MDT
Company: Cretex
Contact: Mike Pardy

Question:

On the RCB detail sheet the "d" dimension for the cutoff wall is detailed as 3.00' from the invert of the box to the bottom of the cutoff wall. Looking at the cross sections it looks like the "d" is more like 5'. Please confirm the distance from the invert of the box culvert to the bottom of the cutoff wall.

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 16-Apr-2013 13:55 MDT

Dimension "d" is 3.00 feet.

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Submitted: Fri, 19-Apr-2013 13:29 MDT
Company: Mountain West Holding Co
Contact: Chris Connors

Question:

Please define the difference between "traffic control devices associated with the detour" and "Traffic control devices used to maintain traffic" as used in special provision #14. IT is unclear what the MDOT will pay for under the traffic control bid item and what is to be included under the Detour Construct, Maintain, and Remove lump sum bid item.

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 22-Apr-2013 08:10 MDT

Traffic control devices will be paid by the unit for construction and use of the detour.

204 - BLOOMFIELD - NORTH & SOUTH

Clarification:

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Submitted: Fri, 19-Apr-2013 14:45 MDT

Company: Mountain West Holding Co

Contact: Chris Connors

Question:

The special provisions are requesting Class DD-Bridge requirements for the concrete that is to be used in the Anchor Shafts off the ends of the bridge structure. I have never seen these types of concrete required for Anchor Shafts. Are special provisions #17, #18, & #19 and plan page B7 in error or is it the MDOT's intent to use these specialized designs for below grade foundations?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 22-Apr-2013 12:35 MST

For the anchor post drilled foundation, the use of Class DD Concrete meeting the requirements of the Standard Specifications is an acceptable substitute for the Class DD-Bridge Concrete specified in special provisions No. 17, No.18, & No.19 and plan sheet B7.